

2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Labor

2. Fiscal Year

2019

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy

3b. GSA Committee No.

644

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

05/23/2016

6. Expected Renewal Date

05/23/2020

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

19 U.S.C. 2155(c)(1-2)

13. Effective Date

08/21/1980

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

17b. Closed

17c. Partially Closed

Other Activities

17d. Total

Current FY Next FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants

\$0.00 \$0.00

18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy (LAC) is an integral part of the U.S. International Trade Policy Development Structure. Its main function is to provide the Executive Branch with advice on trade negotiations and trade policy. The Department of Labor and USTR are jointly responsible for the Labor Advisory Committee. The LAC was established pursuant to section 135(c)(1-2) of the Trade Act of 1974, 19 U.S.C. 2155(c)(1-2), as amended by section 1103 of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979, the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988, and Executive Order 11846 of March 27, 1975. The LAC makes its views known through advice offered in the course of its meetings, in letters addressed to Administration officials, in Committee Reports, and in follow-up discussions with principals' designated liaisons.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Members of the LAC are appointed by the USTR and the Secretary of Labor. USTR and DOL have sought to streamline and consolidate the membership of the LAC to better reflect the composition of the American workforce. Members are representatives from the labor community, normally presidents of national or international unions who represent the interests of their members, and more generally the interests of all U.S. workers. Members include representatives from the largest U.S. trade union confederations, which represent U.S. workers at meetings of the International Labor Organization (ILO). Members represent a comprehensive range of workers in a wide range of economic sectors. The Committee was re-chartered on May 23, 2016 and 21 members from the previous Committee were reappointed. Four new members were also appointed from unions that have historically been represented on the LAC. The previous membership terms ended on May 25, 2016. The new slate was appointed on August 23, 2016, and ends on May 23, 2020. Additional members will be appointed to reflect and maintain this balance, as needed.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Through the LAC principals and their designated liaisons (who work in close coordination with each of their principals), the Administration maintains an ongoing dialogue in which it can receive advice, explain American trade policy actions and decisions, and discuss policy issues as they arise. Committee members have access to ongoing trade agreement negotiation documents through a secure USTR website and offer advice on those documents. The LAC meets at the liaisons level regularly, and at the principals level at

irregular intervals, depending upon the level of activity during trade negotiations and the nature and volume of reports required. In FY 2018 there was one LAC principals meeting.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The LAC plays a unique role in the trade advisory process since it is the only committee whose main purpose is to provide advice from American labor on trade issues. The LAC's main focus is on the impact of trade policy decisions on U.S. employment and wage levels. Because principals and liaisons are required to have passed background checks and have access to non-public information, they are in a unique position to provide timely, detailed information and feedback on U.S. trade policy.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

The meetings are closed when sensitive and classified information regarding American trade policy and negotiating objectives are discussed.

21. Remarks

The Secretary of Labor and the United States Trade Representative (USTR) are the co-chairs of the Committee. The Committee reports to the Secretary of Labor through the Deputy Undersecretary for International Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor. Committee costs include salary and benefits for 0.30 FTEs plus agency expenses incurred for conducting background investigations for Committee members.

Designated Federal Officer

Anne Zollner Division Chief, Trade Policy and Negotiations

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Brown, Clayola	12/07/2010	05/23/2020	National President, A. Philip Randolph Institute, APRI	Representative Member
Canoll, Timothy	05/14/2015	05/23/2020	President, International Air Line Pilots Association, ALPA	Representative Member
Carteris, Gabrielle	08/23/2016	05/23/2020	President, Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, SAG-AFTRA	Representative Member
Durkee, David	05/14/2015	05/23/2020	International President, Bakery, Confectioners, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers International Union, BCTGM	Representative Member
Gerard, Leo	09/15/2006	05/23/2020	President, United Steelworkers of America, USW	Representative Member
Hair, Raymond	05/20/2011	05/23/2020	President, American Federation of Musicians of the United States and Canada, AFM	Representative Member
Heindel, David	05/14/2015	05/23/2020	Secretary-Treasurer, Seafarers International Union, SIU	Representative Member
Henry, Mary Kay	12/07/2010	05/23/2020	President, Service Employees International Union, SEIU	Representative Member
Hoffa, James	11/13/2009	05/23/2020	General President, International Brotherhood of Teamsters	Representative Member

Kline, Richard	11/13/2009	05/23/2020	President, Union Label and Service Trades Department, ULSTD, AFL-CIO	Representative Member
Martinez, Robert	08/23/2016	05/23/2020	International President, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, IAMAW	Representative Member
Nelson, Sara	10/01/2014	05/23/2020	International President, Association of Flight Attendants, AFA	Representative Member
Perrone, Marc	05/14/2015	05/23/2020	International President, United Food and Commercial Workers, UFCW	Representative Member
Roberts, Jr., Cecil	11/13/2009	05/23/2020	President, United Mineworkers of America, UMW	Representative Member
Rolando, Frederic	05/14/2015	05/23/2020	President, National Association of Letter Carriers, NALC	Representative Member
Saunders, Lee	02/10/2015	05/23/2020	President, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFSCME	Representative Member
Sellers, Joseph	08/23/2016	05/23/2020	General President, International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, and Transportation Workers, SMART	Representative Member
Shuler, Elizabeth	05/14/2015	05/23/2020	Secretary-Treasurer, American Federation of Labor & Congress of Industrial Organizations, AFL-CIO	Representative Member
Stephenson, Lonnie	08/23/2016	05/23/2020	International President, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, IBEW	Representative Member
Trumka, Richard	11/13/2009	05/23/2020	President, American Federation of Labor & Congress of Industrial Organizations, AFL-CIO	Representative Member
Velasquez, Baldemar	12/07/2010	05/23/2020	President, Farm Labor Organizing Committee, FLOC	Representative Member
Weingarten, Randi	11/13/2009	05/23/2020	President, American Federation of Teachers, AFT	Representative Member
Willis, Larry	01/15/2018	05/23/2020	President, Transportation Trades Department	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 23

Narrative Description

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What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>

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| Improved service delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

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What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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| None | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Over \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cost Savings Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

9

Number of Recommendations Comments

The nine recommendations reflect the aggregate of previously reported LAC ACR recommendations over the Life of the Committee.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The Department of Labor and USTR have found all recommendations by the LAC to be informative and helpful. Each recommendation has been studied and evaluated to understand its strengths and weaknesses. While it is difficult to put precise metrics on the adoption of these recommendations, the Department and USTR believe that each recommendation, whether it is fully implemented or not, improves the overall quality of U.S. trade policy and/or negotiation positions. In particular, the Department and USTR want to address and incorporate, to the extent possible, the concerns of U.S. workers.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

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Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

DOL and USTR provide feedback to the LAC through dialogue with LAC members and their liaisons.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>

Approved grants or other payments

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Other

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Action Comments

LAC advice is taken into consideration when trade agreements and trade policy are negotiated and implemented. Though advice may not always come in the form of formal recommendations, the LAC's views are thoughtfully and thoroughly examined by the two agencies as they work together to formulate and improve trade and labor policies.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO

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Online Agency Web Site

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Online Committee Web Site

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Online GSA FACA Web Site

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Publications

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Other

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Access Comments

The LAC Annual Reports are available at the Library of Congress.